

March 14, 2022

Dear Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please oppose S.B. #16

Once again, the legal gun owners of this State are under attack. I am opposed to extending the list of banned firer-arms. Every few years, this State keeps adding fire-arms that are in common use to the already long list of banned fire-arms. Banning fire-arms, fire-arm features, and 28-year-old fire-arms is not the answer to decreasing illegal fire-arms in CT

Calling for more registration legislation? DESPP/SFLU doesn't even have enough staff to process my carry permit renewals within a reasonable amount of time and jeopardizes my permit by expiring before the renewal is even processed.

I ask that **NOT** support Governor Lamont's attack on the over 300,000 lawful fire-arm permit holders of CT. It is not lawful fire-arm permit holders who are committing crimes nor posing a danger to society.

Lawful fire-arm owners are some of the most ***compassionate and responsible people*** I know. I truly believe ***further fire-arm legislation makes people less safe***. People are less willing to train with their fire-arms, are afraid of breaking contradictory, nonsensical laws, and therefore less familiar with the fire-arms they currently own. Let's become the Constitution State that supports the Second Amendment and the freedoms which are supposed to be protected in our Bill of Rights. Legislation like S.B. #16 are the reasons why ***people are leaving the northeastern states***. ***Government overreach*** and involvement in individual freedoms is becoming overburdensome and ***arguably unconstitutional***. ***Innovators value freedoms and freedom are available when government respects the fundamental rights enshrined in our Constitution*** the way they were intended to be followed when our Country was founded. We do not need to become a nanny State in order to keep people safe. ***Please oppose S.B. #16.***

In addition, I also ***OPPOSE*** H.B. #5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I ***SUPPORT*** Raised S.B. #388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I ***SUPPORT*** Raised H.B. #5414 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I ***SUPPORT*** Raised H.B. #5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Respectfully submitted,



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